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INVOLVEMENT OF PRIVATE SECTOR FOR MAINTENANCE OF MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government proposes to involve private sector for upkeeping and lighting of the monuments in the country;

(b)if so, the details alongwith the monuments identified for the purpose; and

(c)the terms and conditions laid down in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE(SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)There is no proposal to involve private sector for upkeeping of the centrally protected monuments. However, provision exists for public private partnership in heritage preservation under the National Culture Fund. The illumination of certain protected monuments have been undertaken by the private sector..

(b)Illumination at Humayun's Tomb, New Delhi was undertaken by M/s Oberoi Group of Hotels, New Delhi.

Illumination of Misra Yantra of Jantar Mantar, New Delhi is entrusted to M/s Apeejay Surendra Hotels Pvt. Ltd.

(c)Under the terms and conditions, the Archaeological Survey of India would maintain the installations and bear the energy charges.